

THE POLYNESIAN.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1855.

Yesterday being a holiday, the issue of the *Polynesian* has been deferred beyond the usual time. We ask the indulgence of our readers for this irregularity.

His Majesty's Birthday.

A more beautiful day than yesterday we have seldom seen. The air was cool and pure, with a fresh breeze from the Southward. The rains of the previous night made the roads free from dust.

At half past ten o'clock His Majesty received the congratulations of the foreign Representatives at His Palace.

At 12 o'clock He appeared on His beautifully carpeted steed, with His Staff, escorted by the Hawaiian Cavalry, on Thomas' Square, on the plain East of the city, to review the Troops which were assembled there. A large concourse had gathered to witness the review, though we noticed that the crowd was not so great as on some previous reviews. Some 8 or 10,000 persons were probably present.

The improvement in the appearance and discipline of the Troops was noticed by all. First came the Cavalry—a fine company of about 40 members in their new uniform. The corps went through a variety of evolutions, which showed very plainly that they were under the discipline of a master hand, who has infused into the company a life and order which reflects credit on all. We have seen many well drilled volunteer cavalry companies in the U. S., and must say that our Hawaiian cavalry will compare favorably with the best of them. The charge by the cavalry on the infantry company, which was repeated once or twice during the review, was really exciting, and showed that if occasion was offered the "Scottish Greys" might find their rivals in a quarter where least expected.

Next came the Artillery Corps numbering about 80, also in new uniforms, with four pieces of cannon, under the able command of Capt. Bingham.

After these, were the Hawaiian Infantry, consisting of about 360 soldiers, and lastly the Hawaiian Guards, under the command of Capt. Brown, numbering about 40, officers and soldiers.

There were about 550 soldiers at the review, and all the Companies showed a decided advance in their manoeuvres over any thing ever seen here before. We trust that the improved order that has been imparted to each corps will be maintained. A well organized and efficient Military reflects credit to a Government second only to a popular educational system. They are equally the bulwarks and defence of a nation, and should be equally fostered and maintained.

The scene in the evening was as brilliant a gathering as our city has ever witnessed. The company was select, and the hour was spent much to the enjoyment of all present. His Majesty appeared in fine health, and we trust that he may long be permitted to witness the return of this, his natal anniversary, till a good old age crowns his happy reign, and a nation full of love and reverence delight to call him their Sovereign and King.

The Kalama Safe.

This steamer, which was expected from Kauai on the 4th, did not return to Honolulu till the 9th inst., when she arrived, all safe, and with a full freight and a large number of passengers.

The cause of her detention was a series of severe gales from Thursday till Saturday last week, by which she was weather-bound in Hanalei harbor, and from which it was impossible for her to sail till Sunday morning.

During the heaviest of the squalls, it was with the greatest difficulty she was preserved from going ashore, and it required not only two heavy anchors, but the aid of her steam to keep her from dragging. But by the admirable management of Capt. Jones, and the able and efficient co-operation of his officers and crew, she passed safely through the gales, with only the loss of an anchor-stock, which was speedily remedied by a temporary substitute.

Her safe arrival on Friday morning relieved the anxieties which had begun to be experienced in Honolulu for her safety, and she will proceed on Monday to the windward, and to Kauai again on the Monday following.

Representatives elect—Session of 1855.

ISLAND OF HAWAII.

District of North Kona.—A. G. Thurston, of Honolulu.

South Kona.—Kalaueka, of Kona.

Kau.—(Not heard from).

Puna.—S. Kipi, of Puna.

Hilo.—Paulo, of Hilo.

do.—Keenino, do.

Hamakua.—Robert Robinson.

Kohala.—Hon. John H. of Honolulu.

ISLAND OF MAUI, &c.

District of Lahaina.—J. W. Austin, of Lahaina.

do. Z. P. Kaunama, of Lahaina.

Kaanapali.—David Kaunani, of Maui.

Koolau.—John Richardson, of Waikapu.

Kula.—W. P. Kahale, of Makawao.

Molokai & Lanai.—W. Kalana, of Molokai.

ISLAND OF OAHU.

District of Honolulu.—Hon. G. M. Robertson, of Honolulu.

do. Dr. T. C. B. Rooke, of Honolulu.

do. Geo. J. W. E. Maikai, of Honolulu.

do. (vacancy by resignation).

Ewa.—J. Fuller, of Honolulu.

Waialua.—(no election).

Koolaula.—Wm. Sumner, of Honolulu.

Koolapoko.—R. G. Davis, of Honolulu.

ISLAND OF KAUAI.

Dist. of Waimea.—H. M. Whitney, of Honolulu.

Waialua.—H. A. Widemann, of Niihau.

Koolau.—S. P. Kalama, of Honolulu.

There are 25 election districts, 23 being represented in the late election, and two vacancies. The Legislature meets in the first week of April at such place as the King may appoint.

An election to fill the vacancy in the Honolulu district, will be held on Wednesday the 14th and we learn that Z. Kaunani is the principal candidate.

Chief Justice Lee returned in the Kalama from Kauai yesterday, where he presided at the February term of the Circuit Court for that district, which commenced on the 5th inst. A heavy calendar of about 30 cases was disposed of, and the court adjourned on Thursday the 8th, at noon.

The mail for the United States, by the *Vaquero*, will close at 2-1/2 P. M., this day.

Successful importation of Devon Stock.

The first attempt to import pure breed short horn Devon stock from the United States to the islands around the Cape has resulted in the most perfect success.

By the ship *Vancouver*, which arrived on the 27th inst. in 134 days from Boston, a fine red cow called *Edith*, not yet 3 years old, and a bull of the same color, ten months old, named *Young Herod*, have come safe to hand. A bull calf was added to the list on the 6th of January which we presume will receive the name of *Vancouver*, from the ship on board which it was calved on the passage out. The blood of these animals is of the purest kind, and their pedigree is on record for the assurance of those who have an interest in them. They were imported by the Royal Haw. Agricultural Society, which owns one half interest in them; J. Montgomery, Esq. who owns one quarter, and Dr. R. W. Wood who owns the remaining quarter. *Edith* cost in Westchester County, N. Y. \$350; and *Young Herod* \$150. The expenses of their journey to Boston, hay, grain and water for the voyage, and house for their accommodation, &c. &c. brings up the entire cost to about \$765, landed here. Besides this there was much gratuitous labor bestowed upon them, in selecting, &c. and through the liberality of the owners of the ship, no freight has been charged.

Great credit is due to the gentlemen who selected them, and provided for their comfort on the voyage, as well as to Capt. Jenkins of the *Vancouver*, and the officers of that ship, for the fine condition in which they have been received. Nor would we omit, according to merit, the Cape Cod boy on board the *Vancouver* who had special charge of this stock all the voyage out; he performed his duty in a manner highly creditable to him, and we hope he will not be forgotten, as a humble, but very useful agent in the matter.

We understand they are to be under the charge of R. H. Bowlin, Esq., of Koloa.

We would call the attention of parents, wishing instruction for their children in the languages of modern Europe, and of our young business men, to the advertisement of Mons. de Serquiere, in another column of this paper. Mr. S. has had much experience as a teacher, and his terms, we understand, are very moderate. A better opportunity for instruction in the modern languages, will probably seldom be offered to our citizens.

ARRIVAL OF COOLIES.—The Am. bark "What Cheer," Capt. Baker, arrived on the 5th from Swatow and Hong Kong, with 183 coolies, procured by Mr. Graves in fulfillment of his contract, made nearly a year since. The coolies brought by this vessel are an unusually fine and healthy class, and we should judge are superior to any previous importation. They will no doubt give satisfaction to the parties who ordered them.

MECHANIC NO. 2.—The annual election of officers of Mechanic Fire Company No. 2, took place on Tuesday evening, 6th inst., at the Engine House, and resulted in the unanimous election of Richard Gilliland, as foreman, and Wm. B. Wright as assistant foreman, Messrs W. R. Seal and J. L. Blaisdell were elected secretary and treasurer, vice W. R. Outhbert and Jacob Fox, resigned. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read before the company, and were received with satisfaction. The reports show the company to be in a flourishing condition. A well selected committee were chosen to revise the by-laws for the good government of the association. Several new members were admitted.

Chinese Words.

As the following list of common words in the Chinese will be of some service to those who have coolies, we publish it. It appeared in the *Polynesian* three years ago, and was furnished by Mr. P. W. Graves:—

One, Chee, Chang, Candlestick, Cheek tie, Glass, Keng, Carpet, Chee, Five, Gnon, Six, Lax, Seven, Chit, Eight, Poi, Nine, Kow, Ten, Chee, Eleven, Chap It, Twelve, Chap Je, Thirteen, Chap Sa, Fourteen, Chap Se, Fifteen, Chap Gnu, Sixteen, Chap Lak, Seventeen, Chap Chit, Eighteen, Chap Poi, Nineteen, Chap Kow, Twenty, Je Chap, Thirty, Sa Chap, Forty, Gnu Chap, Fifty, Gnu Chap, Sixty, Chit Chap, Seventy, Chit Chap, Eighty, Poi Chap, Ninety, Kow Chap, Hundred, Chit Fe, Thousand, Chit Choi, Two, Nao Choi, Three, Nao Choi, Four, Se Choi, Five, Gnu Choi, Six, Gnu Choi.

Monday, Le Pei, Tuesday, Le Pi Nao, Wednesday, Le Pi Sa, Thursday, Le Pi Se, Friday, Le Pi Gnu, Saturday, Le Pi Law, Sunday, Le Pi.

To-day, Kim Tin, To-morrow, Min Chi, Day after, Ho Tin, A day, Chit Tin, A month, Chit Ngoi, A year, Chit Nao, Five years, Gnu Nao, A week, Chit Li Pi.

Black, Mak, White, Pa, Green, Leek, Yellow, Ho Lang, Red, Ang, Brown, Se, Gold, Kim, Silver, Ngu, Copper, Tang, Iron, Tan, Tin, See ar.

Horse, May, Cow, Ngou, Sheep, Yung, Pig, Chuan Yang, Goat, Fow, Kow, Turkey, Hway Kay, Pigeon, Pan Kir.

House, Choo, Room, Kan, Table, Tow.

[For the Polynesian.]

Kona, Hawaii.

Mr. Editor.—A recent visit and residence of more than a month in the District of Kona, Hawaii, induces me through your columns to offer a few notes upon a section of country which, I fancy, has hitherto been very much overlooked, and not sufficiently commented upon by those who have given lengthened and descriptive accounts of the Sandwich Islands. Its distance from the Capitol, and the trying inconveniences attending the visit to and from this place, is perhaps the strongest reason why so little is known and so little is offered to the public respecting one of the choicest spots on the Hawaiian group. The district of country particularly referred to is that section or belt of land running from Kailua to Kealahou Bay. In point of fertility, extent and variety of its productions, its general adaptability to all kinds of growth, the beauty and picturesqueness of the country, and the unsurpassed healthfulness of the climate, make it one of the most desirable places of residence which the islands can furnish; and its prospects as a wealthy planting district quite equal, if not superior, to the most laudable districts on the islands. Little as yet has been done in the planting way; but those who have undertaken the growth of coffee, have even with very limited means and on a very small scale, fairly tested the experiment and satisfactorily shown, that were the business undertaken with a proper spirit and managed with a liberal capital, in a few years a handsome return would be realized. The fact is generally conceded to be true, that the coffee grown in the District of Kona is superior to any other island coffee, as is shown by the estimation in which it is held and the superior price which it commands in market, as is also shown by the premiums awarded it by the Hawaiian Agricultural Society. With respect to its suitability for the growth of sugar cane, the same may be said that can be urged in favor of the most fertile lands of Maui and Oahu. The climate, lying as it does, as they do to the leeward of the island, and consequently free from the influence of the trade winds, which for the most part are violent, render them particularly favorable for the growth of fruit of all kinds. I am persuaded that fruits which properly belong to the Temperate Zone, such as apples, pears, plums, peaches, &c., would flourish here and produce abundantly. Some spirited attention has already been shown in the growth of oranges, and should we live a few years we may expect to find Kona even more celebrated for the abundance and excellence of its oranges than its coffee.

The peculiar manner in which the lands are divided, running as they do in parallel tracts from the sea to the dense forests of the elevated mountain regions, gives to the possessor of only very small tracts, but also every variety of soil suitable to the diversities of growth dependent upon temperature. The sterile and almost forbidding appearance of the lands bordering upon the sea, with little or no cultivation, produce abundantly of the finest sweet potatoes and melons, and were the experiment made, judging as I do from lands similarly situated in other parts of the world, grapes of a superior quality and flavor might be grown, or no use is made of them at present, except here and there a potato or melon patch may be seen, or more commonly a wandering herd of goats. Higher up the mountain side, we come to the bread fruit growth, and this region seems clearly marked out by the abundance and luxuriance of the vegetation for the tropical fruits. Still higher up an open and almost treeless range rises back for a considerable distance, and seems best suited to the culture of the coffee and the sugar cane, thickly overgrown with a heavy fern extending to the borders of the forest. This land is peculiarly well suited for the growth of fruit, and those who have planted them have been richly rewarded, not only by the quantity, but also by the superior quality of the fruit of the Temperate Zone.

The whole country is well adapted for the raising of stock of all kinds, but the range of pasturage is necessarily limited, and the distance, to say nothing of the great cost and inconvenience of getting them to market, will ever prevent this section of Hawaii from offering any successful competition with other parts or islands nearer the Capital. Nor even is it desirable that it should, for if the land were properly applied with reference to its productive powers, there would be no surplus stock allowed to accumulate. During my stay upon the upland country, I was curious to ascertain the variations of temperature from day to day, and with the view of comparing them with similar observations at the sea shore. At an elevation of 1500 feet from the sea, during a period of ten days the thermometer indicated an average range of 74° to 80°; at 8 P. M. it exceeded 6° F. For uniformity and fitness of climate, I doubt if the world can furnish another spot more remarkable than Kealahou Bay in these particulars.

Here I may mention as a matter of local news, that whilst waiting for the sailing of the ship *Coriolanus*, Capt. Gwynne, who most kindly tendered me a passage, the Bay was visited by the most fearful and destructive southerly gales which have ever been known in those parts. For four days the storm raged with great fury. The rain fell in torrents, accompanied with vivid lightning and loud peals of thunder. The sea rolled into the bay in such swells and at such a height, that when they broke upon the reef it made the ground and with a noise like thunder. Considerable damage was done by the inhabitants—many houses had to be abandoned, and many stone walls were leveled to the ground. The most serious loss has been sustained by Capt. Cummings. His wharf which had been built in a most substantial manner, has been entirely carried away, and the walls of a new dwelling house, partly completed, have been so much injured, that the entire wall will have to be rebuilt. 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